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Presented for filing is a new continuation patent application of:

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MARSHALL AND RANDAL B. CHINNOCK

Title: TISSUE RECONFIGURATION

The prior application is assigned of record to ndo Surgical, Inc.,  
a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and  
Trademark Office and recorded on December 19, 2001 at 012387/0936.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date  
under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Specification	28
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### Enclosures:

- Form PTO-1449's, 10 pages, listing documents cited in the parent application(s). Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449's with the examiner's initials.
- Notification of Typographical Error in Inventorship (1 page)
- Small entity statement. This application is entitled to small entity status.
- Postcard.

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/859,579, filed May 18, 2001, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/574,424, filed May



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19, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/520,273, filed March 7, 2000, and U.S. Application No. 09/519,945, filed March 7, 2000, which claim priority from U.S. Application No. 60/140,492, filed June 22, 1999, all hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety.

Basic filing fee	\$385
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9	\$1143
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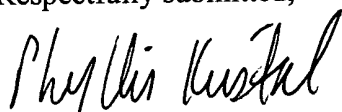
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NOTIFICATION OF TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR IN INVENTORSHIP

Applicant filed the application with the incorrectly-spelled names of inventors Vincent A. Puicci, Jr. and Randall B. Chinnock. Please correct the spelling of these names to Vincent A. Piucci, Jr. and Randal B. Chinnock.

It is believed that no fee is due by this submission. Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

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